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Sumner Hawley To Play Key Role In New School Here

"I find it very gratifying to be able to come back to my home town and to make a contribution to the community where I was born and grew up."

The speaker is Sumner Hawley, an experienced independent school educator, who has been named assistant headmaster with specific duties as director of studies of the Hyde School.

Hawley is a Bath native who went to local schools and knew as a child the three daughters of the late John H. Hyde, prominent ship-builder who built the stately mansion in Bath which will soon become a boarding school for high school boys.

And he is pleased with having played a role in bringing the new school to Bath.

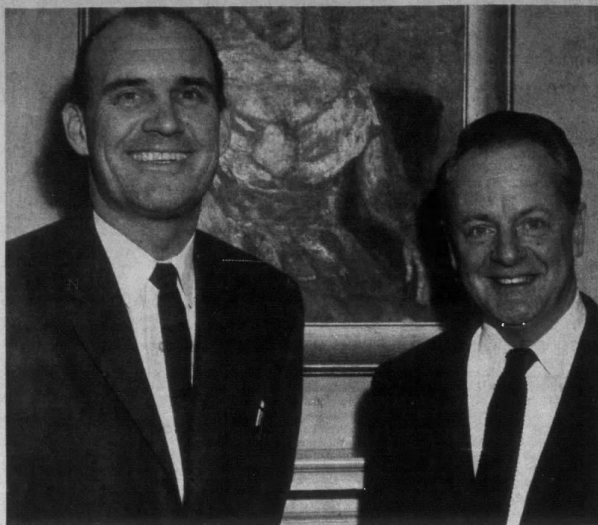
Hawley says he has long felt the Hyde Home would make a fine location for a private school. He mentioned this one day to a director of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, which had owned the building and used it as a hospital — and found that it was for sale.

Hawley, who was then director of studies at the New Hampton School, in New Hampshire, conveyed this information to that school's headmaster — and his close friend — Joseph Gauld, and that was when the idea of launching a private school in Bath was formed. Gauld is the headmaster at the Hyde School.

In his capacity at Hyde, Hawley will head and supervise the curriculum and will handle college placement for seniors.

In his previous appointments at the New Hampton school and at Berwick Academy, Hawley established an advanced placement program which proved most successful in placing seniors in colleges.

During the course of operating the placement program, Hawley



BATH NATIVE RETURNS — Sumner Hawley, right, a native of Bath and graduate of Morse High School in the Class of 1941, is returning to Bath as assistant headmaster of the new Hyde School, a boarding school for boys to open this summer, at the stately Hyde Home on High Street. Hawley poses above with the school's headmaster, Joseph Gauld. Hawley is the son of Mrs. Warren F. Hawley of 37 Western Avenue, Bath.

made what he feels were some "rewarding acquaintances" with admissions personnel of many colleges. He anticipates these contacts will prove invaluable when a placement program is established at the Hyde School when its growth warrants it.

While at New Hampton, the new

assistant headmaster, in addition to administrative duties, helped initiate the guidance program, was advisor to the student council, and coach of dramatics during his 15 years at the school.

Hawley is the son of Mrs. Warren F. Hawley of 37 Western Avenue, Bath. Another relative residing in Bath is his sister-in-law, Mrs.

Esther Hawley, widow of his late brother, Warren Hawley.

Hawley attended local schools and graduated from Morse High School in the Class of 1941. After attending Bowdoin College for two years, he served in the U. S. Army Air Corps for three years — one of those spent at Bowdoin study-

ing meteorology. He then served two years as a weather observer.

Following World War II, he returned to Bowdoin College, from which he graduated in 1947. He later did post-graduate work for his master's degree at Columbia University.

He began teaching in 1948 as an instructor of English at Wilbraham Academy, Wilbraham, Mass.

Hawley says the staff nucleus being formed to operate the new school in Bath is most enthusiastic about its new quarters at the stately Hyde mansion.

The home for the past 20 years has been used as a hospital and clinic, and is thus well equipped with rooms, kitchen facilities and class rooms. Part of the kitchen and groundskeeping staffs have already been engaged, he notes.

The school plans to open in June with summer classes, with an anticipated enrollment of 20 students.

Also an asset of the Hyde Home grounds is the potential for developing sports programs there. The home has a fine tiled pool in the basement, built by the original owner. While not of regulation size, it will be extremely useful for training, with team meets to be held elsewhere — perhaps at Bowdoin or at the local YMCA pool.

Arrangements are also underway to gain possible permission to use field facilities at Bowdoin for outdoor team sports, until such time as athletic fields can be built at the new school, Hawley notes.

Sports enthusiasts of the Bath area will be interested in learning that an attempt will be made to field a football team next fall. Already slated to join the Hyde School staff is a former student of Hawley and Gauld, he is Raymond Fisher, football coach at Berwick Academy last fall, and former captain of the football team at Tufts.



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